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Note: (i) 'Nell' is Ellen Louise Inglis (Mrs Frederick Knapp), a daughter of Amy's sister Mrs Jessica Inglis (ii) the letter was given to Margaret Wilson by Ellen's sister Mrs Flora Runciman in 1975 (iii) Amy's writing is at best not easy to read, at worst almost indecipherable, some words have to be guessed from the context

Amy Egerton-Warburton to Nellie Knapp, 20 January 1932

Cottesloe

January 20/32

My very dear Nell

I am surprised on reading such utter untruths as to our Grandfather's doings and that even you do not know better, one of you should have contradicted it on the following paper. Now I must tell you, and you may say that I can vouch for the truth, which is that Captain Hester was married some where about 12 years before he came out here, bringing out Four Sons and one daughter, he married his Colonel's daughter, "Colonel Everit" was his name. She died, poor thing, in giving birth to another child just a year after coming here. I have seen that copied from the early Paper in Perth. My dear Father was 9 years of age when they arrived & my Uncle Tom was older than him. My Father when we were children often told us of what they used to do in France where they were all born and lived there until they left to come to W Australia. There's a long story for you! Now I must tell you we were very surprised to get a box of fruit from you & one came from Yeriminup with it, we were so glad. I put an ordinary teaspoon of Alum in an ordinary Tea Cup, and always keep it in a white Bottle ready to use. Miss Fairbairn is very well and has not had any thing done. Dr's like to tell people to have operations, it always means money, I can tell you. Mrs Laphorn is still laid up as far as I know. What what [*sic*] could have caused poor Fred's nose to bleed so badly, my nose has not bled in my life, but I have known some to do so often. I want to pay someone to water my garden. May & I cannot do it, it is too much in the hot weather. I give a boy 6/- per week for three hours in the morning, not on Sunday. We do it then. Georgia & her family, except Tomas are having a month at Albany, their Aunt Mitchel has gone to Kojonup to stay with Jack E W and the Halls are living in her house & taking care of things there, and having a delightful time not far from the Ocean at Middleton Beach, it suits all.

Its very cool here today and [?rather] yesterday too. Yesterday afternoon was very pleasant to us, we took a car to have Tea with the Dr Kerr's family at Fremantle & later went shopping, there are very lovely things there. I am very fond of that City, it has so much to attract one & interesting. I am so fond of the Ocean & the ships. In a few days Miss [? Dudley] is coming to spend a week with us, she & I are very fond of each other. I must say goodbye & go and post this. I half lying, half backwards on my couch in my room so excuse my awful writing. Love to you all my dear from
Your loving Aunt A Warburton